

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Denis Martin et al.

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For: STREPTOCOCCUS PYOGENES POLYPEPTIDES AND CORRESPONDING DNA  
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1030-2**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 1, after the title, insert the following paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/269,840 filed  
February 21, 2001, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

21. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a polypeptide according to claim  
17 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or adjuvant.

26. A method for diagnostic of streptococcal infection in a host susceptible to  
streptococcal infection comprising

(a) obtaining a biological sample from a host;